

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of all the Reception children and how quickly they have settled into school life at Manby Lodge. We are looking forward to our first full week with all of the children together in school. This week we will start the Reception Baseline Assessments. Please refer to the letter sent by Miss Riches on 10th September 2021.

Phonics:- This week we will be practising our listening skills by playing various games, going on listening walks and by practising our eye contact and attention skills.

Maths:- We will be getting to know the daily routines including key times of the day (e.g. 12pm lunch break and 3pm (roughly hometime) and where things belong. We will be using **positional language** such as under, behind, in front, next to, before, after, earlier, later and in between.

Literacy:- We will be sharing some of our 'All About Me' boxes to get to know one another. Children will have the opportunity to ask each other questions.

PSHE:- This week, we will be introducing **Manby's Golden Rules** and our Rainbow behaviour system. We will be doing various different circle times to get to know the children and practising our speaking and listening skills. We will also introduce our PSHE mascot **Jenie the Jigsaw**.

At home you could:-

- Talk to your child about the highlight of their day and/or week and how they are feeling about school.
- Go on a sound walk, what can you hear. You could close your eyes if you are finding it difficult.
- Talk about the days of the week and your daily routines. What doesn't happen on weekends? (You don't go to school). What do you do first thing in the morning/last thing at night?

Please bring in:-

- Named wellington boots for the mud kitchen.
- A waterproof coat that can be used in the Mud Kitchen and Creative Area (this can be their school coat).
- A family photograph to display in our homecorner.
- A painting apron (this could be a parents old, longsleeved buttoned up shirt)
- Please keep spare, named uniform in your child's book bag incase of accident (especially underwear)

Important Notices:-

- Please let us know if you are unable to access Tapestry. You may need to enable notifications.
- Please remember staggered drop off and pick ups: **Duckling Class: 8.45am and 2.55pm, Cygnet Class: 8.50am and 3.00pm, Gosling Class: 8.55am and 3.05pm**
- Please ensure that only one parent drops off WB 13th September. Ideally, this should be the parent that your child best separates from.

Playground Rules

Please remember:

- We have no cycling or scooting - to avoid accidents.
- Children are not allowed to play on the Trim Trail.
- These rules are in place to avoid accidents. Thank you.

Key dates:-

- **Virtual Meet the Teacher: Friday 1st October:** Duckling Class: 10am, Gosling Class: 11am, Cygnet Class: 1pm
- **Reception Soup and Bread Harvest Celebration 15th and 21st October.** More info to come.

Thank you
The Reception Team